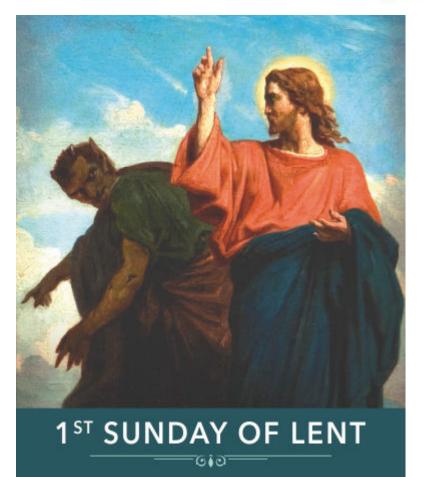
Precious Blood Parish

St. Agnes Church 400 Merwin Avenue Milford, CT 06460



St. Mary Church (Parish Office) 70 Gulf Street Milford, CT 06460



Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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Precious Blood Parish is a Roman Catholic community of faith in Milford, Connecticut rooted in the Word of God and the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. We are missionary disciples who seek to bring the presence and the message of Jesus Christ to others through prayer, faith formation and assisting the needy through ministries grounded in the works of mercy.

We Welcome All Visitors

SUNDAY MASSES

SaturdayVigil4:30 pmSt. Mary5:00 pmSt. Agnes

Sunday

7:30 am	St. Agnes
8:30 am	St. Mary
10: 00 am	St. Mary
10:30 am	St. Agnes
11:30 am	St. Mary
4:30 pm	St. Mary

DAILY MASSES

7:00 am 12:05pm St. Mary 7:30 am (Saturday) St. Mary 9:00 am (Mon-Fri) St. Agnes

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 pm—4:30 pm St. Agnes Monday 6:00 pm—7:00 pm St. Mary

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Precious Blood Parish, Milford



Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Agnes Church

Mon March 2 Weekday 9:00 Jonathan Johnson by The Olenski Family

Tue March 3 St. Katharine Drexel 9:00 *The Quirk Family* by Breda Quirk

Wed March 4 St. Casimir 9:00 Fr. Francis X. Callahan / St. Agnes Rosary Gr.

Thu March 5 Weekday 9:00 *Mr. Hanag Fu Yiu* by his family

Fri March 6 Weekday 9:00 No Intention

Sat March 7 VIGIL 5:00 No Intention

Sun March 8 Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 *Rev. Francis X. Callahan*/John & Mary Bissell 10:30 *Christopher Kelleher* by his family

The Sanctuary Lamp Week of March 1, 2020 Is in Memory of *Rev. Francis X. Callahan*

Readings for the week of March 1, 2020

Sun: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [cf. 3a]/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

- Mon: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/ Mt 25:31-46
- Tue: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/ Mt 6:7-15
- Wed: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
- Thu: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
- Fri: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26

Sat: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33;4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

[22]/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9



STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7:30PM Every Friday during Lent ST. AGNES CHURCH

CONFESSION ST. MARY CHURCH 6:00PM Every Monday ST. AGNES CHURCH 3:30PM Every Saturday

COLLECTION REPORT

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St. Mary Church

Mon March 2 Weekday 7:00 Dominick Proto by James DeRosa 12:05 Francis Xavier Tonry by his family

Tue March 3 St. Katharine Drexel 7:00 No Intention 12:05 *Vincent Lattanzi* by his family

Wed March 4 St. Casimir

7:00 *Betty Boddiano* by The Girls 12:05 *Frank & Julia Dytkowski* by daughter Fran

Thu March 5 Weekday 7:00 *Michael Yerganian* by Anna Brown 12:05 No Intention

Fri March 6 Weekday

7:00 *Maureen Paquette* by her family 12:05 *Jeanette Armoogan-Bogart* by R. Emerson

Sat March 7 Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

7:30 Joseph Siwiec by Michalina

VIGIL

4:30 *Eleanor Mullaney* by Pam Carroll

Sun March 8 Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 Thomas Mahoney, Jr. by his family

10:00 Robert, Orazio, John Piselli by their family

- 11:30 Anne Ferrandino Scicutella by Patrick Family
- 4:30 Timmy Berens by Cate DeProfio



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of March 1, 2020 Is in Memory of *James Cassano*

Born in Philadelphia in 1858, daughter of an international banker, **Katharine Drexel** had an excellent education and traveled widely. Always interested in the plight of



the American Indian, during a meeting with Pope Leo XIII she asked that he send more missionaries to her friend, Bishop O'Connor in Wyoming. When he suggested she become a missionary, she began her new vocation by visiting the Dakotas, met with Red Cloud, and began her systematic aid to Indian missions.

After 3 years training she and her first band of nuns (Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored) opened a boarding school in Santa Fe. By 1942 she had a system of black Catholic schools in 13 states and 40 mission centers in 23 rural schools.

In all she established 50 missions for Indians in 16 states. She died at 96 and was canonized in 2000.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

As we are now in the Lenten season, a short reflection on sacrifice seems appropriate. Those of us of a certain age know sacrifice better than others, as there have been times in our history when communal sacrifice was virtually mandated, if not by law, then by circumstances. Those who have lived through times of war and depression have a keen sense of sacrifice. This shared sacrifice always had the opportunity to open us up to the sacred, because our faith is based in the ultimate sacrifice of the one for all.

Lent offers the opportunity for personal and communal sacrifice, and time for us to reflect on how we follow the example of Christ in our own lives. We see this in the way our parish feeds the poor, reaches out to the mentally ill and those who suffer addiction, and especially those whose lives are touched by grief. We are grateful to be part of a community that appreciates the need to sacrifice for others.

This weekend, we will have heard from Archbishop Blair in the homily and have heard his request that we consider contributing to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The Archbishop's Annual Appeal is a concrete way that our sacrifice can impact others across our diocese in a positive way. We hope our reflection on all that the Archbishop's Annual Appeal does helps to move us to continued generosity.

Here at Precious Blood Parish, we will begin to hear soon about another avenue where we will be asked to consider a sacrificial offering. The Hartford Bishops Foundation is a separate effort to insure the financial viability of the Archdiocese for years into the future. There will be a one-time effort to raise funds to be held as an endowment for future generations of Catholics. The churches we worship in today are the legacy of the Catholics of the past, and we will be asked to ensure that legacy continues by contributing a one-time gift to this foundation. Watch for more to come on this in the coming year.

May God bless us all and may we all continue to live lives that mirror the example of our Risen Lord Jesus. His sacrifice has graced us all now and forever.

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Precious Blood Parish will be offering Adult Confirmation Classes, taught by Father Aidan Donahue and Deacon John Hoffman, in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation to be conferred at Saint Joseph Cathedral in Hartford on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Participants will attend classes March 24 &31, April 14 & 21, all Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM. Location of the class will be determined by the number of participants. Classes are for those already Baptized and have received First Communion. Contact Deacon John for information or questions.



This weekend marks the start of the 2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. You will soon receive a letter from Archbishop Blair seeking your support. As Catholics in the Archdiocese of Hartford we have a profound impact on our local communities

not only in the spiritual realm, but intimately connected to it, the realm of social services and many charities and outreach services performed by, or with help from, our Church.

For the 4th year in a row the Archbishop's Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program provided over \$1,000,000 to over 225 local organizations in Hartford, Litchfield and New Haven counties.

Organizations here in town received funding from the Program that makes a difference in serving our neighbors. All funds contributed to the Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/ No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.



Please welcome the following children who were baptized into the Precious Blood Parish family during the month of February:

Juliana Leonora Baumann, Logan Benjamin DeVito, Harper Grace Hayman, Chase Patrick Haynes, Cameron Michael Kowalczyk, Sean Lorenzo McNamara, Parker Ryan Pietrini, Harper Jay Ragusa, Charlotte Ann Stumpf, Maverick Jordan Thomas, Emma Rose Tobin.

ANGELS OF MARY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

On Sat., May 7th, the Angels will meet in the St. Mary rectory basement from 10:15AM to 12:15. This month we are presenting the "*Miracle at the Loretto Chapel*" in Santa Fe, New Mexico. A short DVD brings us back to 1878, shortly after the Sisters of Loretto settled in the Southwest. A decade of the rosary, a correlated craft and home assignment are integral parts of each program. Boys and girls in grade 1 through middle school are invited to attend. Questions, contact Sharon DiNapoli, 203 799-8670.

The Precious Blood Bereavement Support Group is offering the New Day 10-week program for anyone coping with the loss of a loved one, whether recent or years ago. We will meet on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00PM in Father Callahan Hall at St. Agnes Church beginning March 26th. We will have our final meeting on May 28th. Please call Ellen Siddell, 283-1934, if you wish to participate.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Jesus cautions it is not enough to provide food for our children; "one does not live on bread alone." Let Lent 2020 be a time when you are "led by the Spirit" to explore new ways to be a moral guide to your children.

LENTEN DIETARY REGULATIONS

 Catholics ages 14 yrs. and older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.
Catholics bet. the ages of 18 and 59 years of age are to

fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

To fast is to eat one full meal and no more than 2 smaller meals to maintain strength. Eating between meals is not permitted. Liquids such as coffee, tea, juice, milk are allowed.

These rules do not apply when one's health or ability to work is seriously impaired.

This month we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (The Gospel of Life). This Church teaching on the value and inviolability of every human life remains an indispensable source of truth for all people. Written by Pope St. John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae* was appropriately given in Rome on the Solemnity of the Annunciation on March 25, 1995.

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. 2nd Lt. Brendan Hayes, Col. Andrew Whiskeyman, MSgt. Carlie Blacklidge, Michael Casey USN, SR Justin Plantamura USN, John Henry Phelan, Maj. Patrick T. Horvat, Capt. Richard Brantley, SSgt. Michael Foss, Lt. Col. Jason Dymond, Joshua Ehret PolUSN, Dakota Owen USA, Colin O'Sullivan USAF, Pfc. Daniel Hewston, William F. Gilson USAF, SSR Matthew Hunt USN, Pfc. Ron Murray, CDR Matthew Fanning, Charles J. Grant, Michael A. Eno USN, Maj. Jonathan Rembetsy, Jordan Grassmann USN, Capt. Stephen Shumaker, Alec Rossetti MA2USN, Spec. Anthony Olenski, SSgt. Armando Lizasuain CPO



Fr. Paul Luniw, a Ukrainian Catholic priest and egg artist extraordinaire, will present a free public lecture on the history & practice of **PYSANKY** at the K of C Museum Sunday, March 15 at

2:00PM. Ukranian eggs, colorfully and ornately decorated, are call **PYSANKY**, from the term "*to write*," a custom that dates to pre-Christian times. Fr. Paul will explain the history and significance of this development, describe the precise & time-intensive process and share examples of his artwork.

PARISH CLERGY

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This Week

Sun	Jr. Legion of Mary	10:00AM	school
	9th Grade RE class	4:30PM	SM
Mon	Novena	7:30PM	SM
	St. Joseph Society	7:00PM	SA
Tue	Legion of Mary	10:15AM	SM
	7th Grade RE Class	4:30PM	SA
Wed	Altar Server Training	6:30PM	SM
	Ladies Guild Board	7:00PM	SA
Thu	Legion of Mary	7:00PM	SM
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM	SM
	K of C 4th Degree	7:00PM	SM
Fri	Nocturnal Adoration	7:00PM	SM
	Stations of the Cross	7:30PM	SA
Sat	RE First Reconciliation	9:00AM	SM
	Angels of Mary	10:30AM	rectory

REGINA CAELI ACADEMY is a university-style hybrid that meets in Wilton, CT (254 Danbury Rd.), serving PreK3-12th grade. Students attend Socratic and hands-on classrooms two days per week and are homeschooled the remaining days.

Touring Event March 30th: Presentation begins at 9:30AM & includes a tour & classroom observation. Refreshments will be served; children are welcome. RSVP lfrawley.fcc@rcahybrid.org or 203 701-9154.





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